



Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Co-Chairs: Rebekah Scheinfeld, CDOT
Luann Hamilton, CDOT

Date:	March 14, 2019	Time:	3:00 pm- 4:30 pm
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MBAC Members in Attendance

Name	Department/Agency	Name	Department/Agency
Brendan Daley	Chicago Park District	Jose Abonce	Community Rep – West
Greg Piland	Federal Highway Administration	Margarita Reina	CDPH
Luann Hamilton	CDOT	David Smith	CDOT
Rebekah Scheinfeld	CDOT	Sean Wiedel	CDOT
John O'Neal	CMAP	Jacob Peters	Community Rep - North
Deloris Lucas	Community Rep – Far South	Jim Merrell	Active Transportation Alliance
Lucy Gomez	CLOCC	Jason Meter	Chicago Transit Authority
Melanie Eckner	Community Rep – Far North	Joe Sislow	Community Rep – Northwest
Mark Roschen	Department of Planning and Development		

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Hamilton

December MBAC meeting minutes approved.

Agenda and Notes

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<p>Bicycle Crash Fatality Update –</p> <p>a) No fatalities reported yet this year, but there have been 5 serious injuries in 2019, compared to 17 at this time last year. b) Vision Zero will be releasing several reports this spring: Vision Zero West Side, Downtown Action Plan, and the Vision Zero Annual Report.</p>	Chair Hamilton
<p>Reminder of new MBAC format -</p> <p>a) A new format has been implemented to better understand successes, challenges, and opportunities in communities across Chicago. b) It's objectives are: to better understand successes and opportunities across community areas to build a stronger relationship between CDOT and Community Reps, and to facilitate better discussion among community networks and advocates. d) Representatives will be responsible for co-organizing site visits with CDOT, setting meeting agendas and providing information on the community areas they represent.</p>	David Smith
<p>Community Rep presentation: Northwest Region –</p> <p><u>Challenges:</u> a) Connectivity. b) The Kennedy Expressway cuts through most of the neighborhoods in this region. c) The river can also be an obstacle going east-west d) Driving culture.</p> <p><u>Priorities:</u> a) Improve bike network connectivity between and build safer connections to existing assets b) Develop coalition groups c) Build comfort routes and signage for these routes.</p> <p><u>Next Steps:</u> a) Identify key areas to connect on the south and east b) Identify best locations for new Divvy stations c) Develop relationships with Aldermen and community groups.</p>	Joe Sislow



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<p>Community Rep presentation: North Region –</p> <p>Challenges: a) Rebuilding new streets with protected lanes instead of dashed lanes. b) Otherwise safe crosstown routes are broken up by barriers like highways, the river, and railroad crossings.</p> <p>Priorities: a) There is the need for more equitable infrastructure across the region. b) Continue working on the riverfront path. c) Develop standard intersection bike lane treatments.</p> <p>Next Steps: a) Schedule at least one monthly meeting with an Alder. b) Identify an Alder and neighborhood in this MBAC Region to replicate the Edgewater Neighborhood Bike Network Project.</p>	Jacob Peters
<p>Updates: New Ordinance Proposed for Low Speed Electric Bikes and Low Speed Electric Mobile Devices –</p> <p>a) Generally adopts the State code definitions for three standard classes of e-bikes. b) Establishes a definition for low-speed electric mobility devices. c) Provide clarity that these devices are legal transportation options within the Chicago Municipal Code. d) Allows the use of these transportation modes within appropriately designated roadway spaces.</p>	Amanda Woodall
<p>Updates: Divvy – CDOT introduced an ordinance to amend our existing contract with Motivate as follows:</p> <p>a) Lyft (formerly Motivate) will continue to operate our system under the existing contract for 9 years. b) Lyft will invest \$50M in new bikes and stations, bringing us to 16,500 bikes and nearly 800 stations to serve the entire city by 2021. c) All new bikes will be hybrid, lock-to, and class 1 e-bikes. d) Lyft will become the sponsor of the system - total commitment for capital and sponsorship and share of advertising is \$127 M. e) Lyft will expand the Divvy for Everyone program, add adaptive bikes, and start a job training program with special emphasis on ex-offenders. f) Expansion of the system will take place in the South Side this summer 2019, exact boundaries for the expansion and new locations for stations are TBD.</p>	Sean Wiedel
Actions	Lead
Public Comment	
<p>Thank you CDOT for all the improvements in the bike system throughout the last few years. It has been a dream come true been a cyclist in this community!</p> <p>Will fatalities be reported by MBAC Region in the future?</p> <p>Could a bike lane be built along Stoney Island?</p> <p>There are serious concerns about allowing scooters on the sidewalk when operated by youth.</p> <p>We would like to have further discussions about the new ordinance and explore options to better separate e-bikes and pedestrians.</p> <p><u>Announcements:</u></p> <p>a) Active Transportation Alliance: sent questionnaires about transportation issues to all runoff candidates, both Mayoral and City Council. Their responses can be found in the following website: https://www.activetransnow.org/city-of-chicago – Announcing mini grants for community based events. More information to come in the website, but in the meantime you can reach to Julia Gerasimenko at julia@activetrans.org. – ATA is also collaborating with Chicago Family Biking to organize a “Bike to School Day” in May. More information to come.</p> <p>b) 2019 Ride of Silence: Join this year’s ride on Wednesday May 15, 2019. Visit the website to RSVP: http://rideofsilencechicago.weebly.com/</p> <p>c) Bike Lane Uprising: is organizing a community service day coming up soon. Visit the following page to sign up to receive updates, or sponsor the event: https://www.bikelaneuprising.com/day-of-service</p> <p>d) We Keep You Rollin’: Eco Tours starting this Spring. The first tour will take place on Saturday March 23 / 10am -noon. Participants will explore the Calumet Region. Contact Deloris Lucas to register to this event: deelucas2002@yahoo.com</p>	
Adjournment at 4:40 pm	